

# InnovationXLab CarbonX Summit

## Carbon in the Digital Era: Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

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# Leveraging DOE's Capabilities for the "Digital Oilfield"

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# Traditional Oil & Natural Gas Exploration and Development

*Traditional industry focus has been on maximizing production of high-value oil & natural gas in traditional reservoirs*

## ONSHORE

### Conventional Oil & Natural Gas Development



<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13202-017-0395-2>

- Field Development
- Large-scale Full Physics Modeling
- Exploratory Drilling

## OFFSHORE

### Gulf of Mexico or Outer Continental Shelf





*Modern Hydraulic Fracturing techniques in unconventional reservoirs have enabled enhanced development and have acquired more data than can be analyzed by current modeling and simulation methods.*

- Initial completion techniques in a new play are highly inefficient
- New practices evolve primarily through trial and error
- Thousands of wells may be needed before standard is developed
- Vast majority of oil and gas is still left in the ground

*A significant amount of data goes unused which likely results in lower production efficiency*



# Transitioning to a “Digital Oilfield”

*What are the benefits of transitioning to a “Digital Oilfield”?*

## High-Priority Use Cases

Field Development  
Fracture Modeling  
Completions Design  
Enhanced Oil Recovery  
Well Design  
Water Management  
Reservoir Modeling  
Reservoir Characterization  
Associated Gas  
Well Shut-Ins

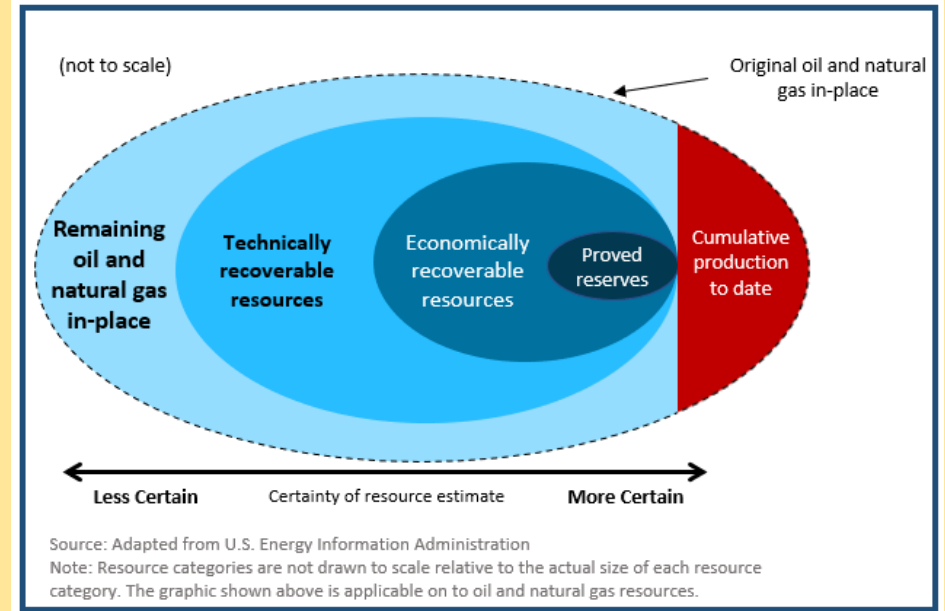
## Increase Recovery Efficiency

- Current Estimated Primary Recovery is at **10% - 12% for most Unconventional**
- Production rates can drop by 50% in first year

## Improve Environmental Stewardship

- Reduce physical footprint
- Improve water management
- Emissions reduction

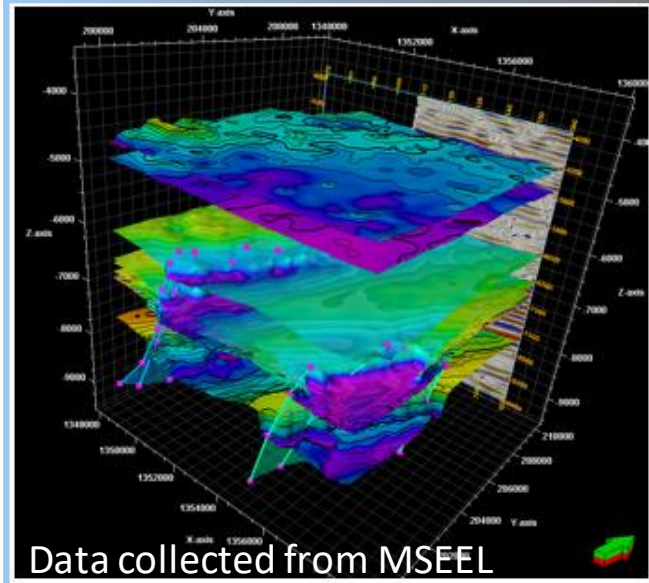
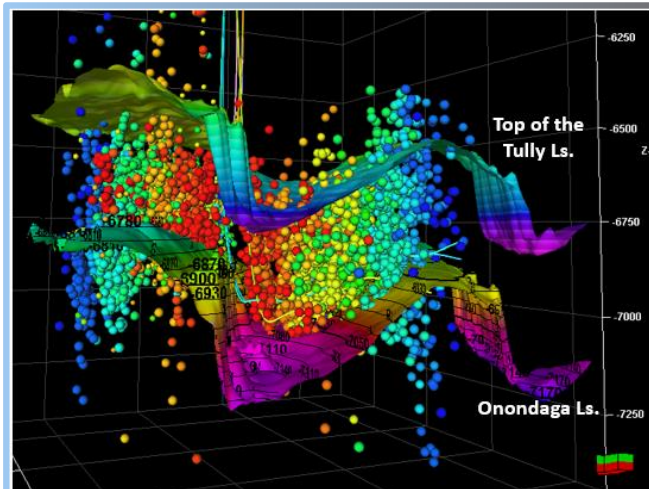
## Stylized Representation of Oil and Natural Gas Resource Categorizations



## Digitalization Opportunities w/NLs

- Integration of multiple dense and real-time data sets
- High performance computing resources
- Application of AI/ML technologies

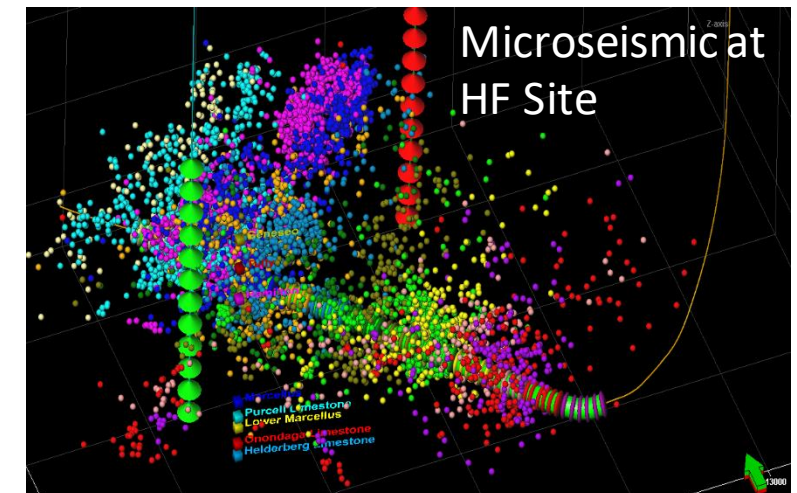
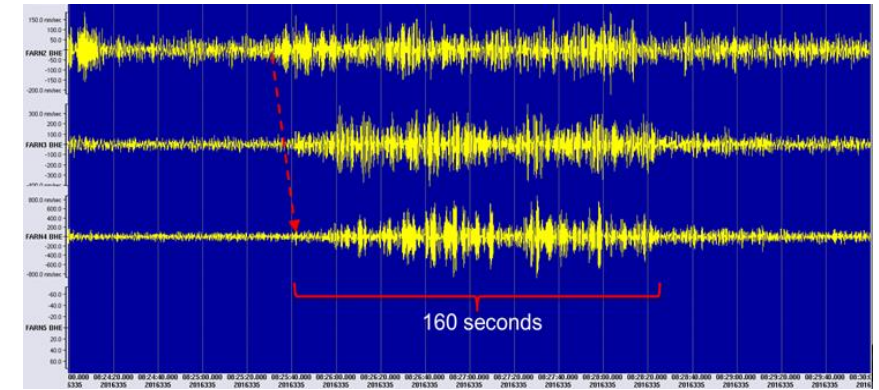
# NLs uniquely suited to exploit new sensing technologies



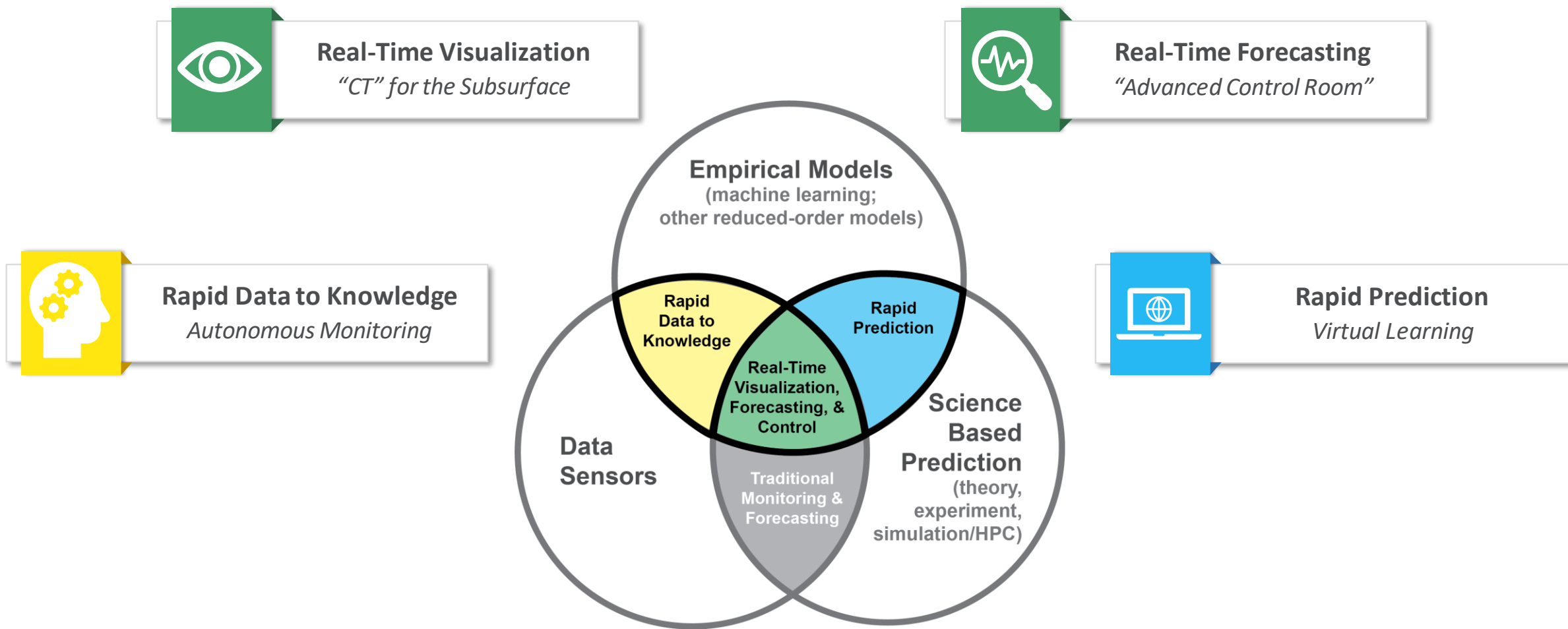
Large data collection rates  
and volumes

Fiber optics sensors  
Microseismic data  
Injected micro- and nano-sensors  
Stage-specific production data

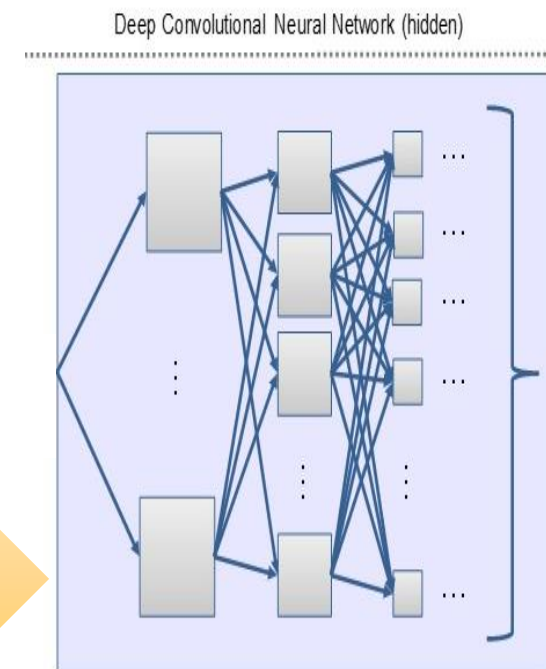
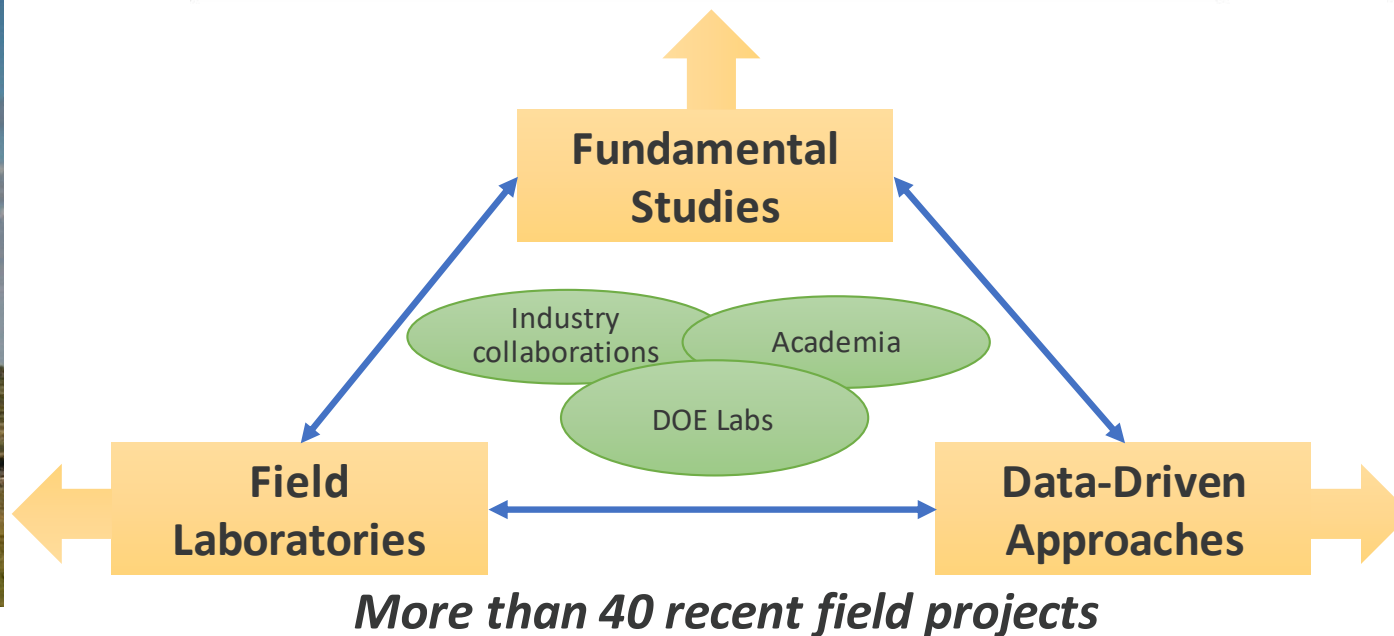
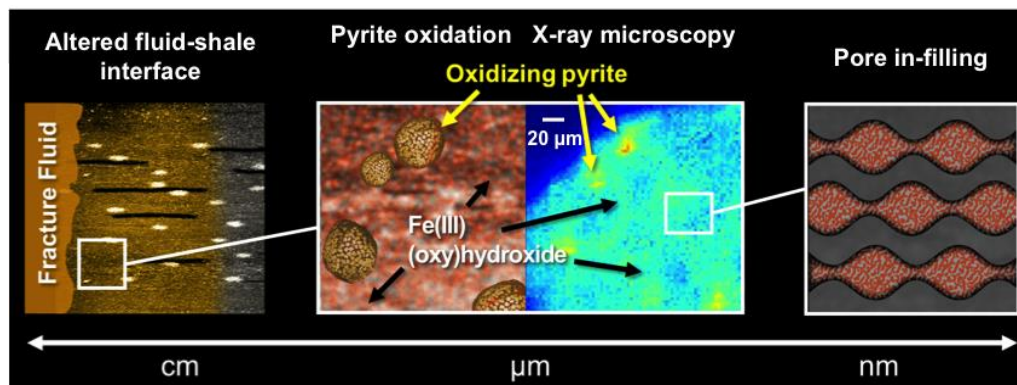
- Sensor deployment best practices
- Joint inversion of multiple data streams
- High-fidelity modeling
- Application of machine learning



ML used to identify source, improve locations

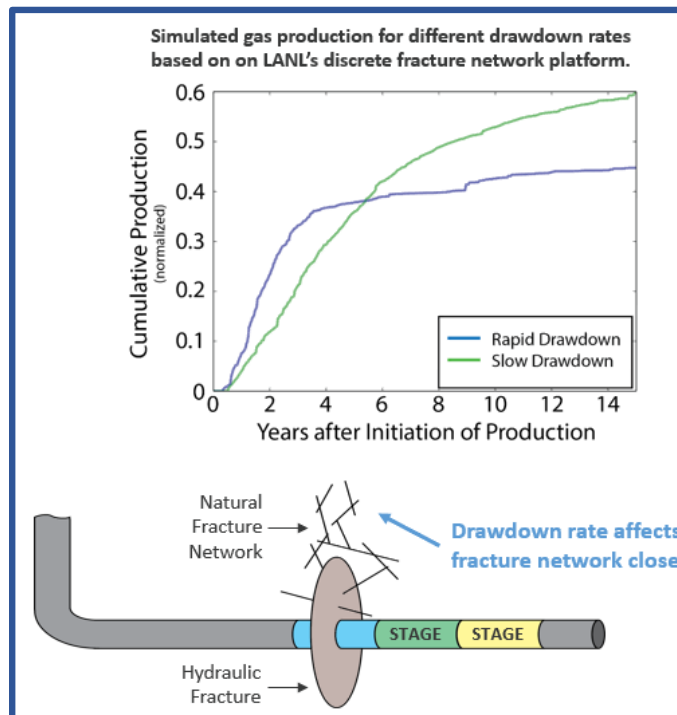




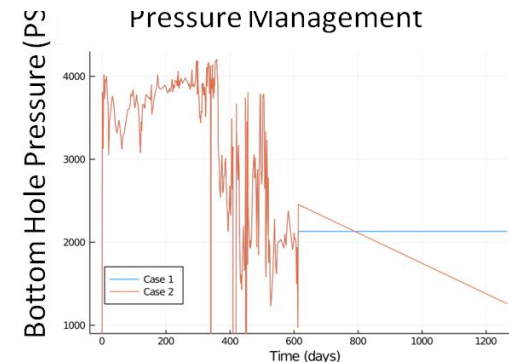




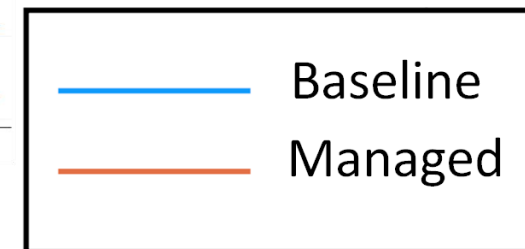
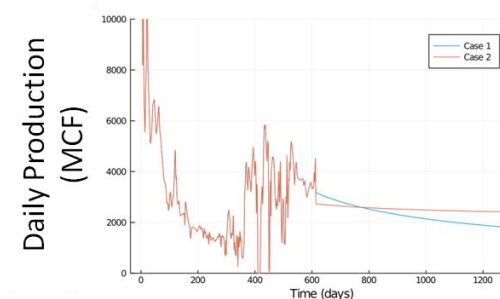
## MSEEL DOE Field Site



## Real-time Pressure Management Dashboard



Operational Parameters



**+4%  
Ultimate  
Recovery**

# Thank You!

*Science-informed Machine Learning to Accelerate Real Time (SMART) Decisions in Subsurface Applications*



**Real-Time Visualization**  
*"CT" for the Subsurface*



**Rapid Prediction**  
*Virtual Learning*



**Real-Time Forecasting**  
*"Advanced Control Room"*

*Enabling better decisions given scarce resources in a highly uncertain subsurface.*

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# MANAGING CARBON, GROWING ECONOMIES

## Leveraging Data and Analytics to Enable Transition

*GTI's Vision for Transitioning to Low-Cost, Low-Carbon Energy  
Systems in 2030 and Beyond*

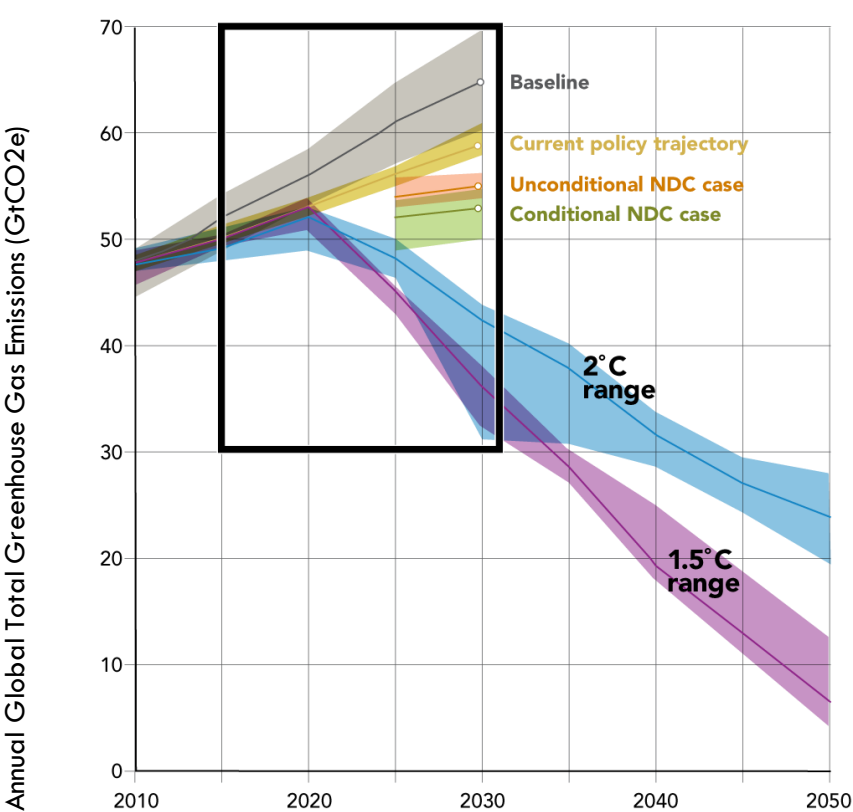


**GTI is a not-for-profit R&D organization with a nearly 80-year history of developing clean energy technologies.**

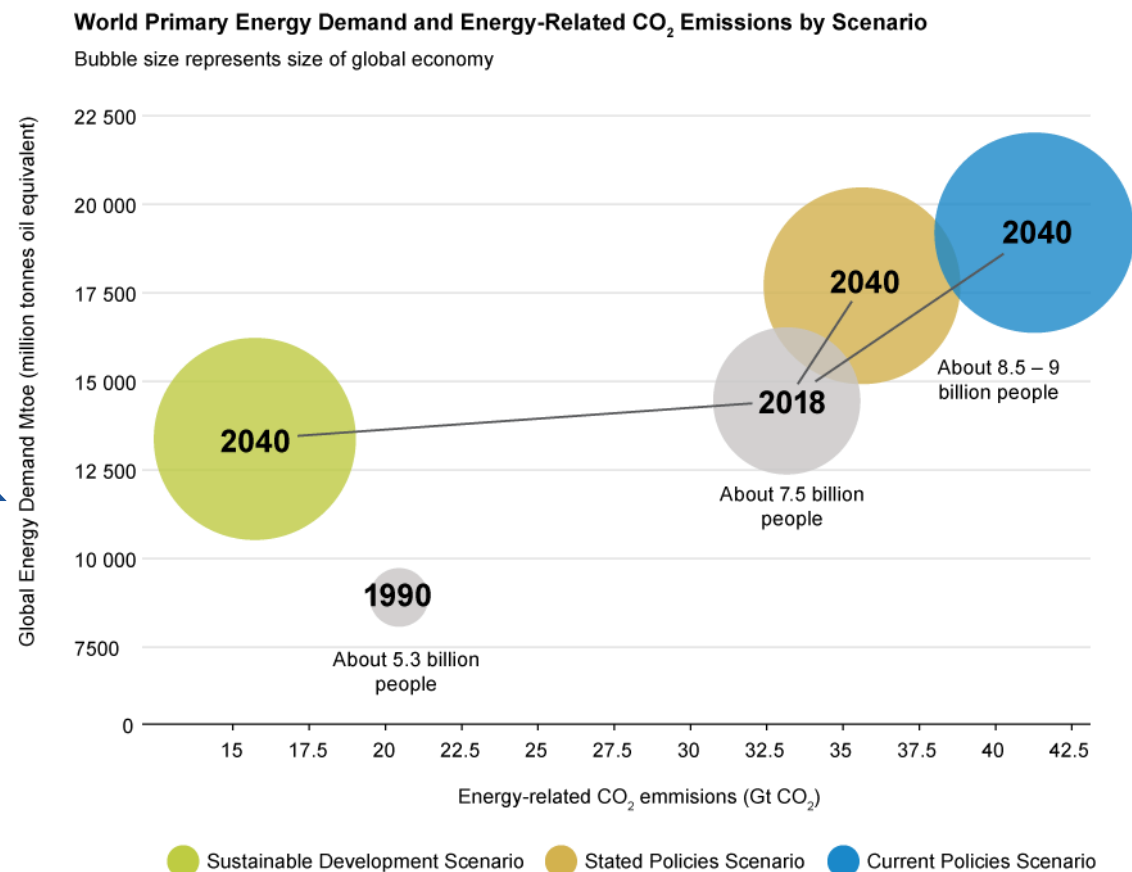
GTI envisions a carbon-managed future in which integrated energy systems leverage low-carbon or carbon-neutral fuels, gases, and infrastructure to limit global temperature rise.

# DUAL IMPERATIVES

We must both decarbonize energy systems AND supply the energy needed to support economic growth around the world.

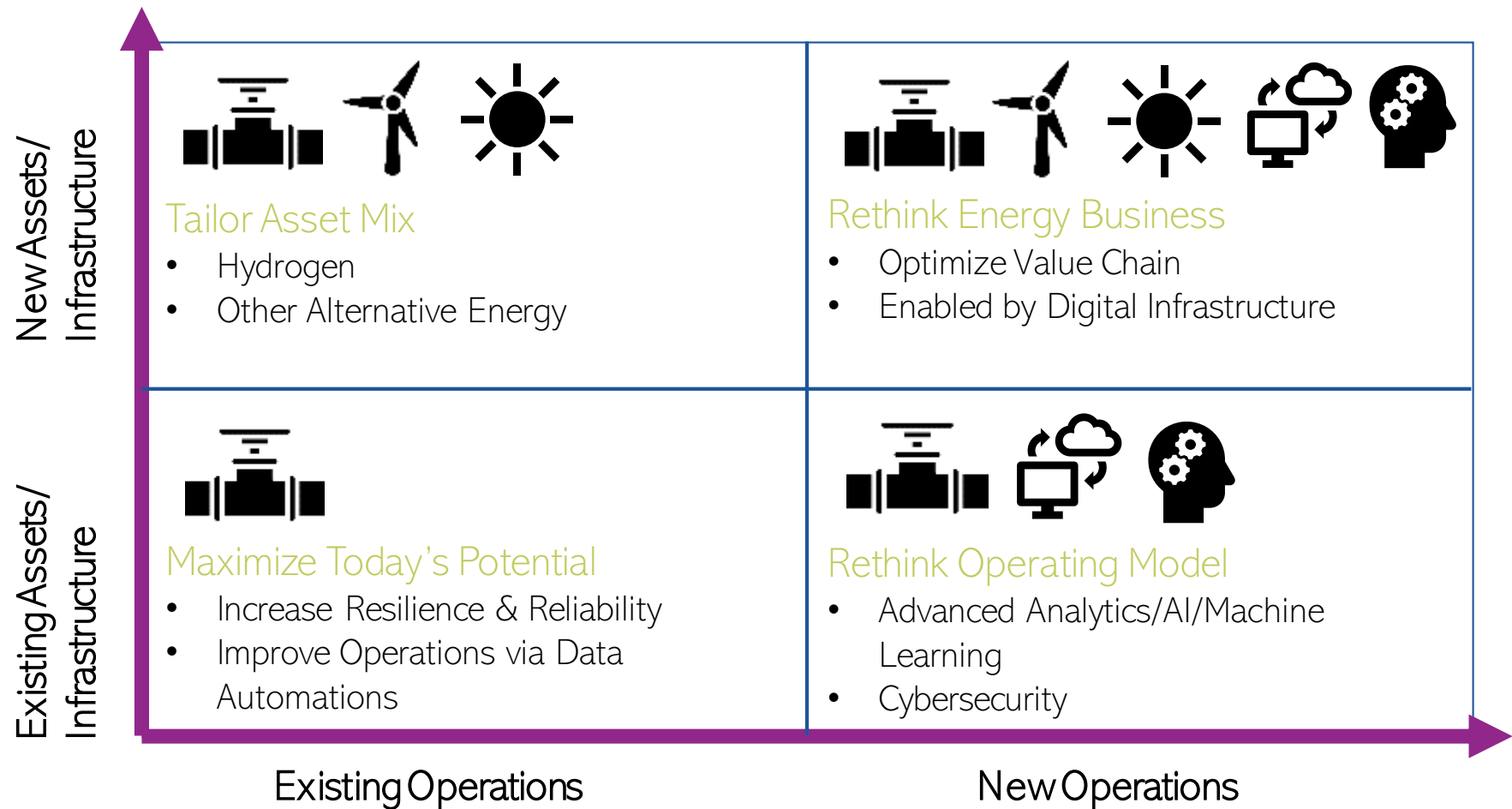


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# EXPANDING INTO THE FUTURE

*Digital data and advanced analytics will drive us into a smarter future*

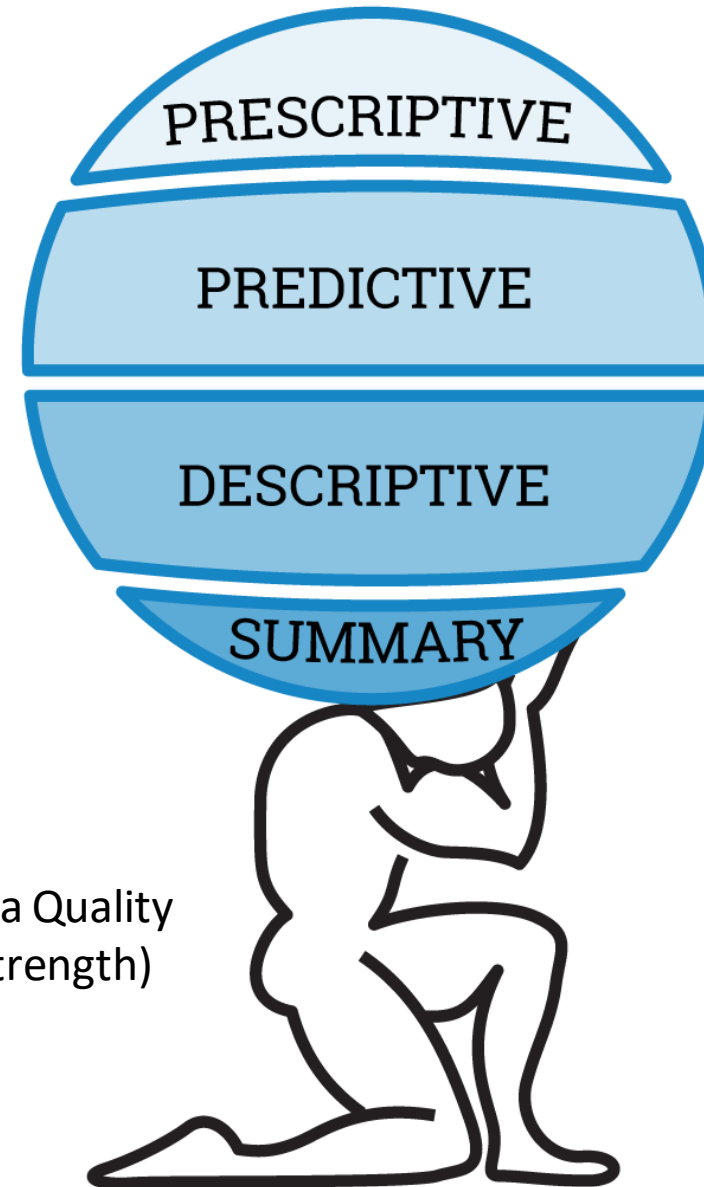




# INNOVATION REQUIRES DATA

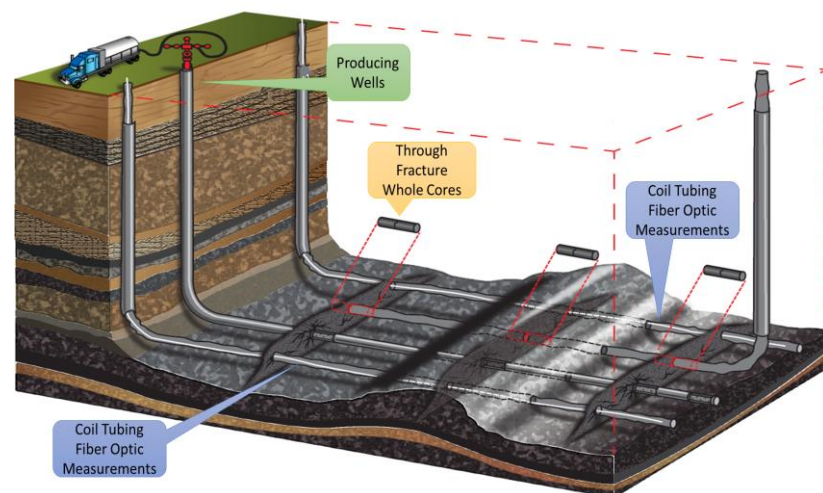
*Analytical capabilities are restricted by the data we have available to us*

**Growing Analysis Burden**  
Value increases as complexity increases



# HYDRAULIC FRACTURING TEST SITE (HFTS) PROGRAM

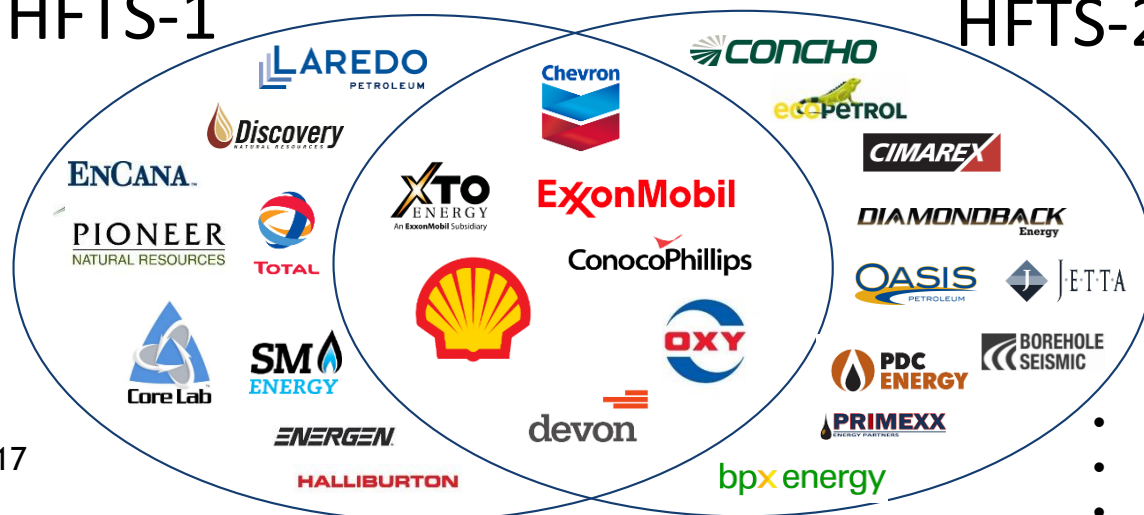
*Digital data and advanced analytics will drive us into a smarter future*



Post-fracture slant core well – the only existing ground truth of actual fracture geometry. That data lead to conclusions that would have never been predicted by existing commercial fracture simulators.

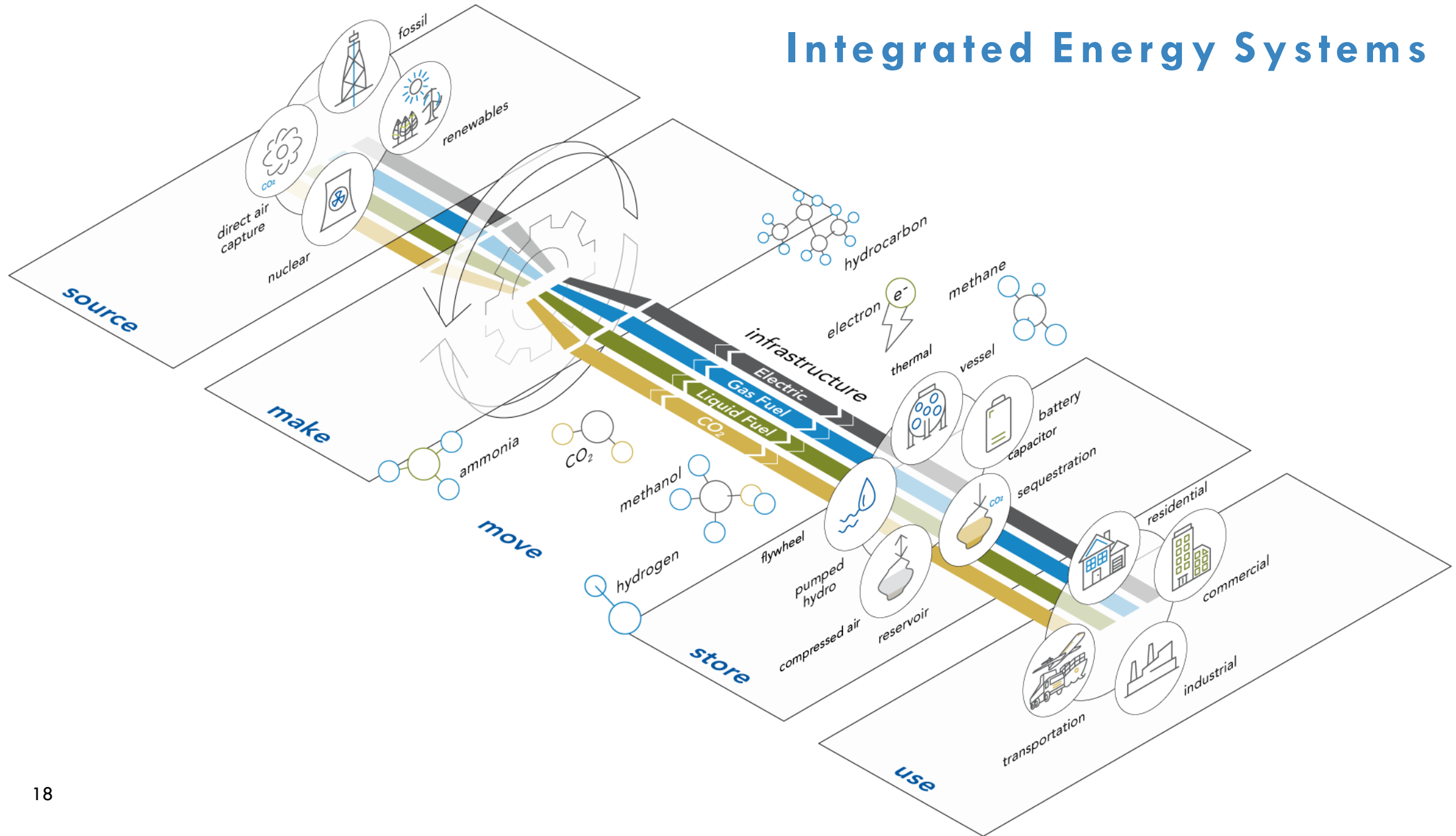
HFTS-1

HFTS-2

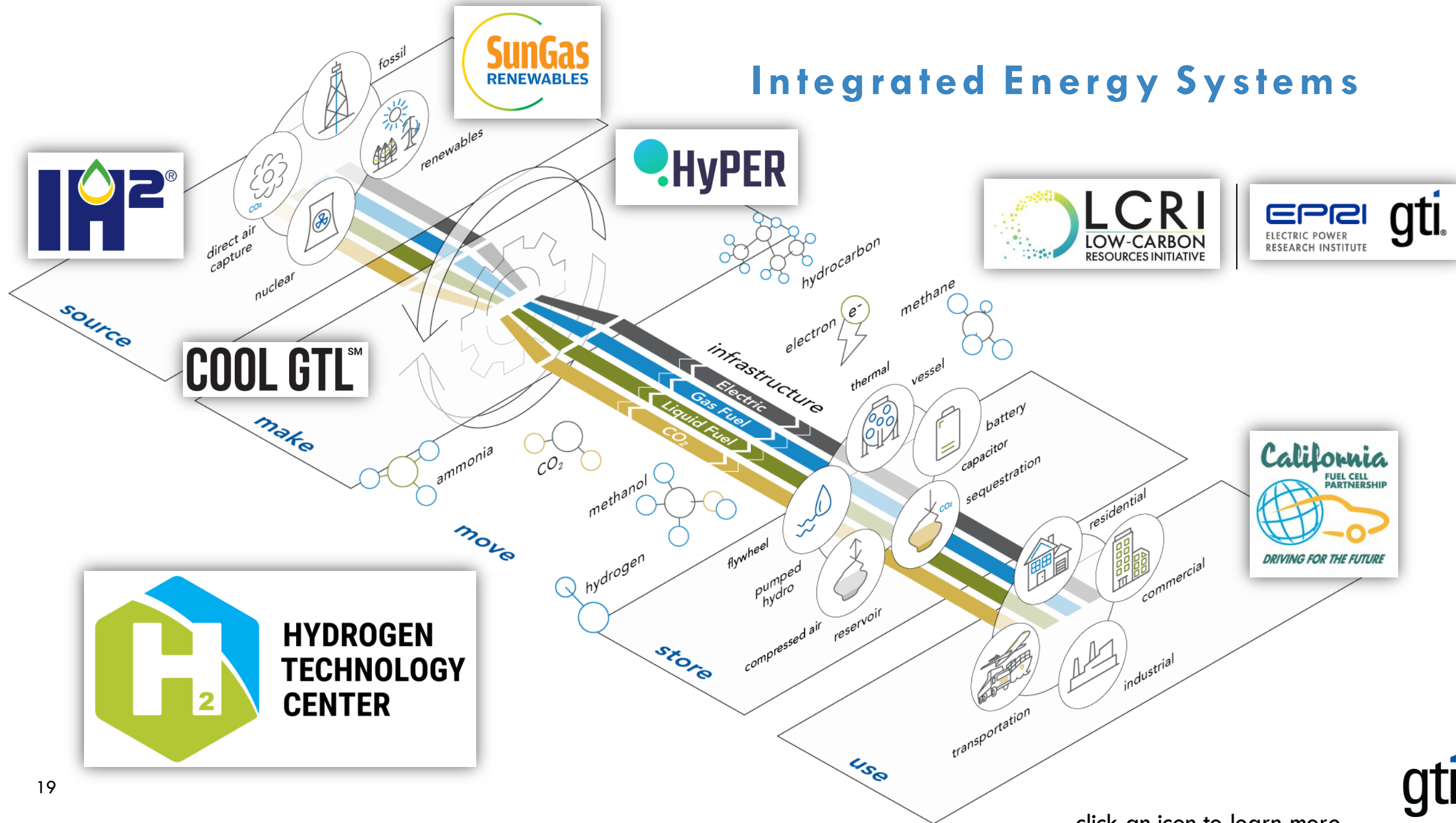


- DOE Funding - \$20 million
- JIP Co-funding - \$53 million
- Industry in-kind - ~\$600 million

# Integrated Energy Systems



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# Thank You

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# Advancing Technologies in Computational Earth Models; Spatial Modeling in the Near Surface, Surface and Subsurface

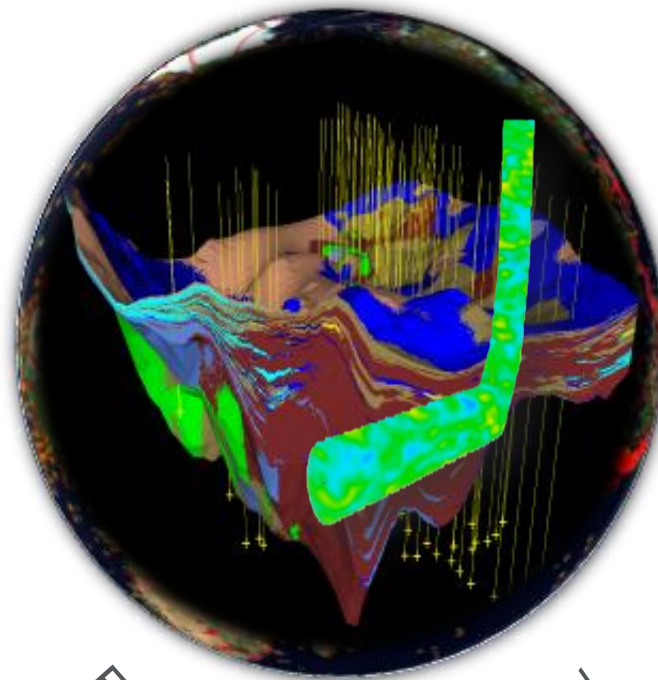
Jeffrey M. Yarus  
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# What Are Computational Earth Models?

***Quantitative representations of the earth's near surface, surface, and/or subsurface***

**Think: Size, Shape, Orientation, Composition, Internal Arrangement**  
***Fill the inter-sample space (1D, 2D, 3D, ND)***

Digital Twin



Earth Model & Repository

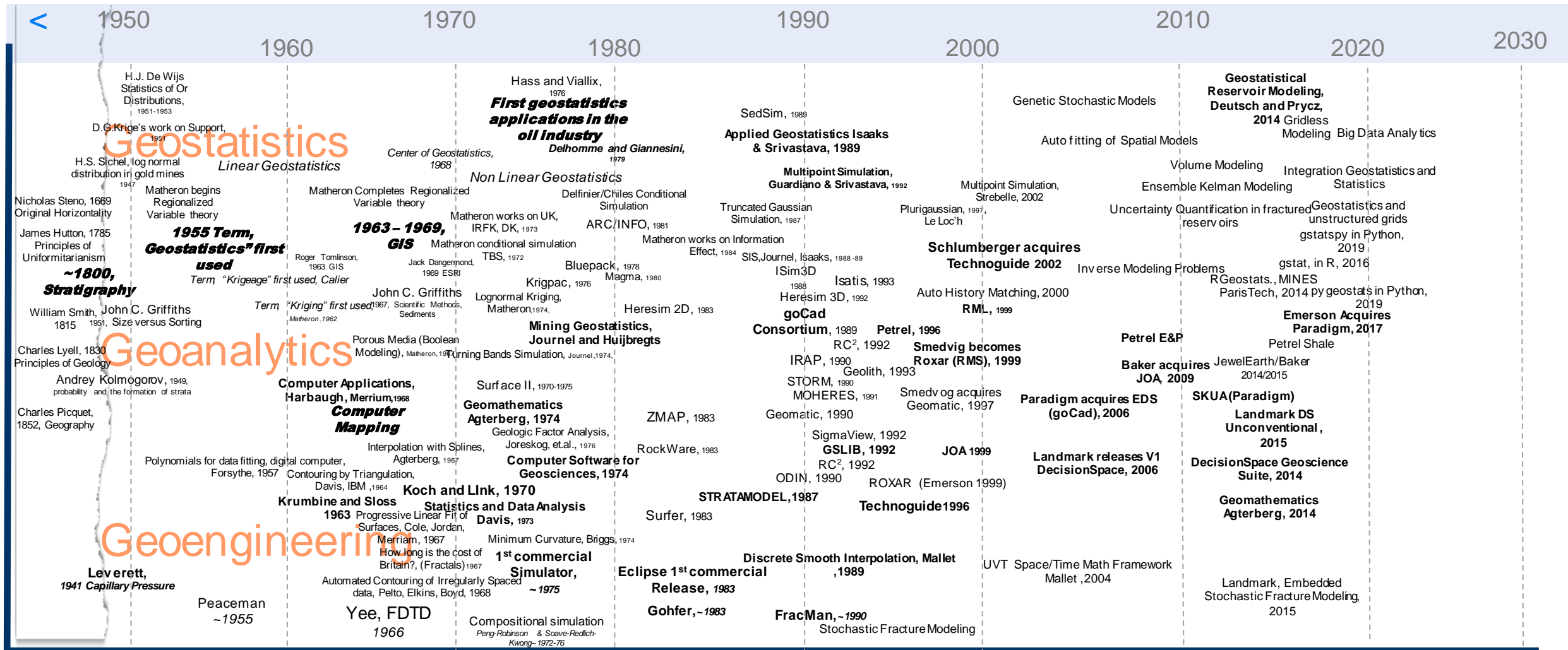
- Subsurface Digital Twins:
- For the purpose of:
  - Education
  - Research
  - Commercial Enterprise
  - Public Policy

- Built from a variety of data sources
- Interrogated and consumed by a variety of disciplines and sub-disciplines
- Provides a quantitative assessment for the public or private industry

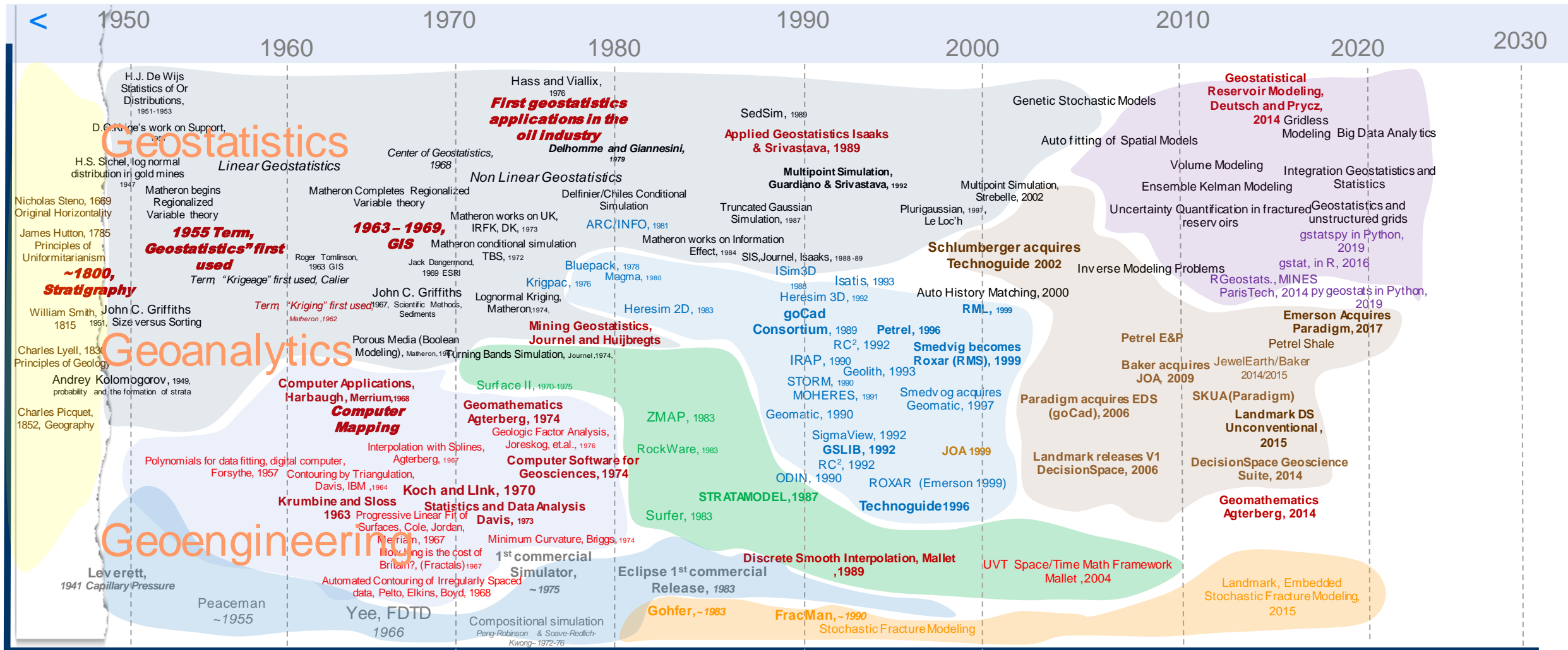


# How we got to where we are... Key Publications and Technologies

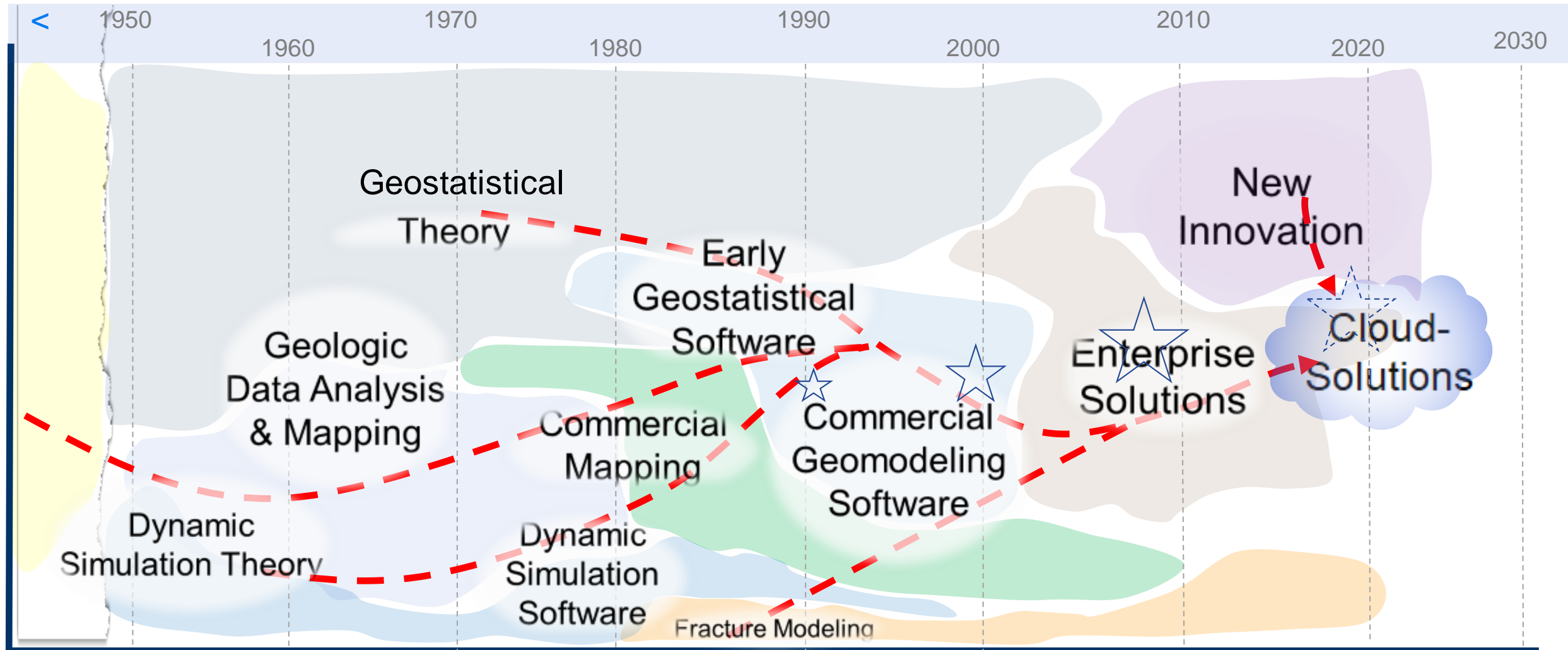
## The evolving Earth Model



# How we got to where we are... Unsupervised Clustering



# How we got to where we are... Trends





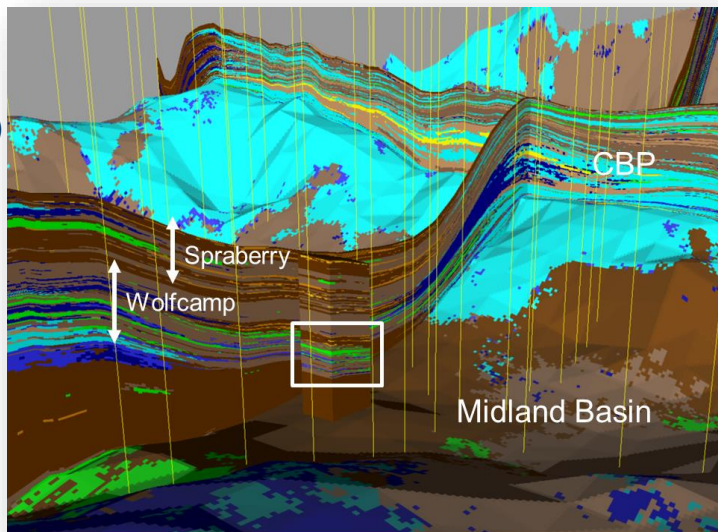
# Applications

## Oil and Gas: 3D Permian Basin (Wolfcamp Model)

86,000 sq mi  
~12,000 cu mi

- Geostatistics
- CNN ML (Facies)

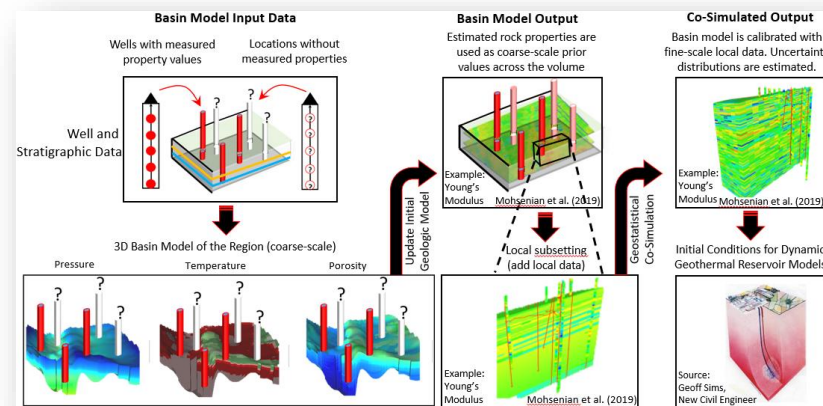
Evens, et. al,  
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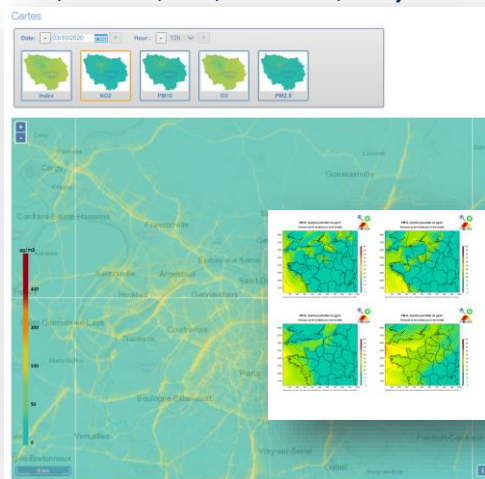
- Geostatistics
- Basin Model
- Sparse Data, ML

Yarus, et. al,  
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## Geothermal Modeling

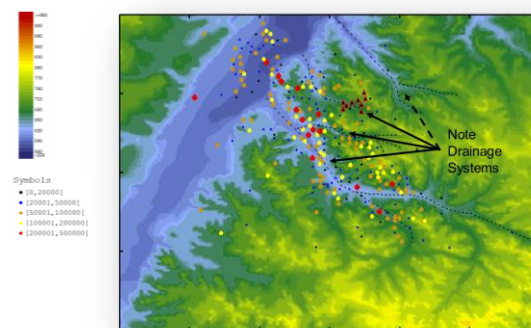


## Real-Time Air Pollution Index (NO2, PM10, O3, PM2.5, ...)



Air Parif  
(<https://www.airparif.asso.fr/indices/horaires>)

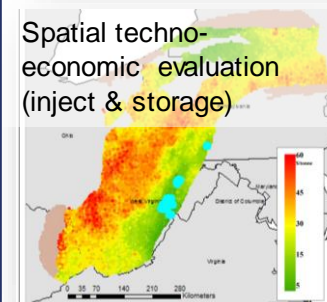
## Surface Modeling, Stream Drainage & Subsurface Fracture/Fault Prediction



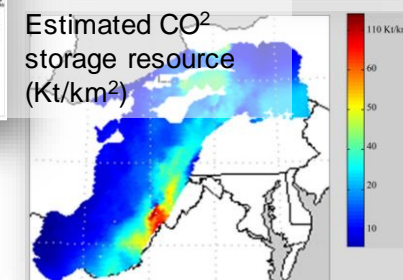
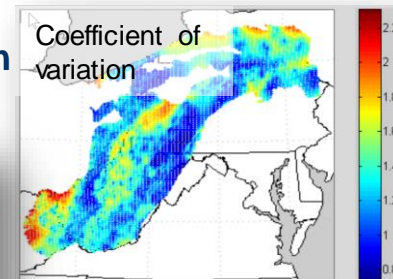
- Geostatistics
- CART ML

Yarus, et. al,  
2003, AAPG

## CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Oriskany Formation



Popova, 2014  
Ph.D. Thesis



# Industry Challenges

## Computational Environments

- Large Model Sizes and Big Data
- Enterprise → Cloud-Based, (“Lift and Shift”)
- Increase CPU Speed & Memory
- SaaS and PaaS/IaaS
- Domain education on HPDC ++

## EM infrastructure and design

- Gridless modeling (enablement for:)
- Seamless scaling
- Real-time updating and monitoring of EM
- Integration with proximal products
- Automation

## Uncertainty Assessment

- Redefine: Space of Uncertainty
- Sparse and missing data, data cleaning, economics

Think:

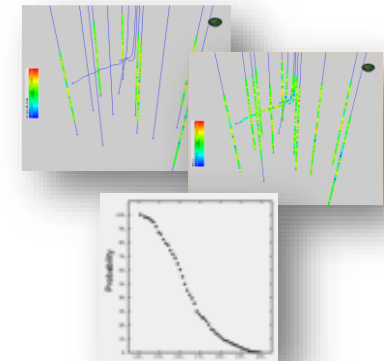
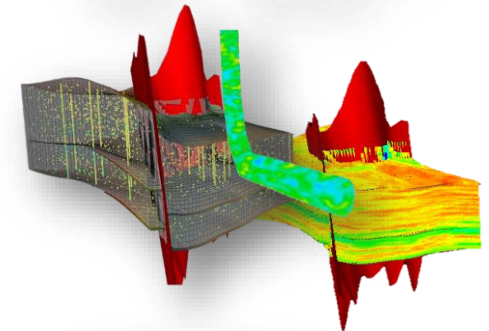
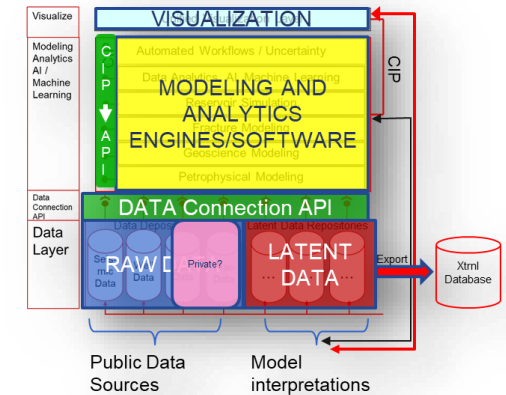
*Software re-design to fit  
newer computational systems  
and services*

Think:

*Automated – and real-time  
modeling that is gridless,  
static and dynamic*

Think:

*More inclusive space of  
uncertainty*





# Considerations for CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration

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Models considering CO<sub>2</sub> injection or the spatial extent of injected CO<sub>2</sub> require information about the reservoir properties that are often unknown or oversimplified

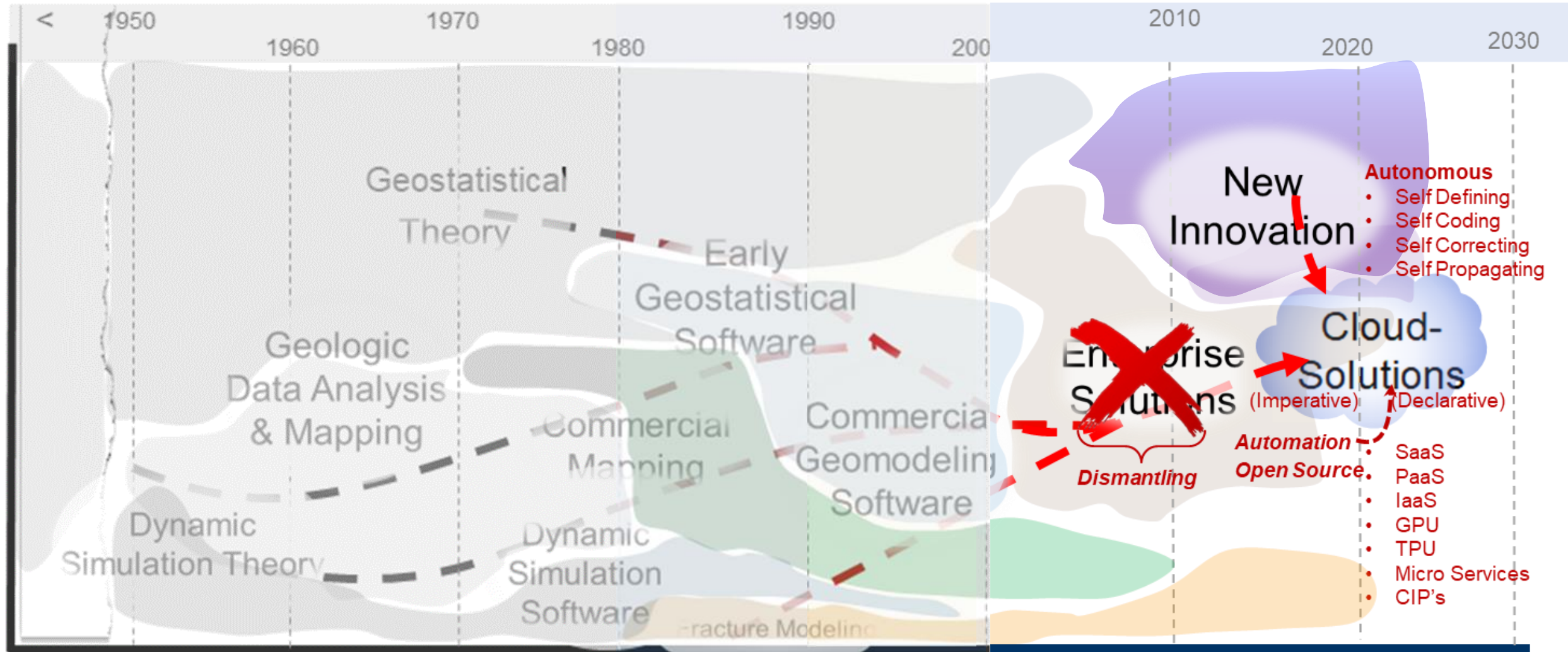
- Caprock Characterization
- Deep saline formations:
- Oil and Gas Reservoirs (sandstone, coalbeds, shale, carbonates, ...)

Common EM Challenges:

- Cap and container characterization (faults, fractures, facies, petrophysics)
  - Standard geostatistical earth modeling
  - Not often done in 3D
- Cap and container post injection chemistry and geomechanics
  - How has the formation changed post drilling, injection (CO<sub>2</sub> and/or O&G completion, P&A, ...)
  - Forecasting Model: Not generally done

(Ghanbarnezhad, et., al, 2016 IntechOpen)

# How we got to where we are... Looking Forward



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# THANK YOU!

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**Looking for additional conversation and networking?**

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